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BOOOOM
WOW. IS IT LIKE THIS ALL NIGHT?
USUALLY. I LOSE TRACK OF TIME, AND WIND UP WITH JUST A FEW SECONDS TO GET TO THE NEXT STOP—
YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO HIT THEM ALL?
THAT'S THE PLAN.
WHY? WHY DO YOU DO IT?
LOOK. HERE IT COMES.

HAPPY NEW YEARS, LOIS.
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JUST WHEN YOU THINK THERE AREN'T ANY MORE FRINGE BENEFITS TO BEING MRS. SUPERMAN...
THIS IS INCREDIBLE.
YOU SHOULD SEE SYDNEY. ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU CRY.
WHEN?
CLOSER TO THE END OF THE NIGHT. NUMBER NINETEEN, I THINK.
TWENTY-FIVE TIME ZONES IN ONE NIGHT...
WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO "WHY"? AND DON'T SAY "BECAUSE I CAN."
HEY, I JUST REMEMBERED THERE'S A PARTY AT THE TIMES. YOU WANT ME TO DROP YOU OFF?
NOT WORKING...
THIS ISN'T A STORY, LOIS. IT'S MY OWN THING--
I'M OFF THE CLOCK, PAL. THIS IS CURIOUS WIFE MODE-- AAAAND FROM THAT GRIN, I CAN SEE YOU AREN'T GOING TO TELL ME... SO MAYBE I CAN SEE FOR MYSELF?
I WON'T GET IN THE WAY. PROMISE. JUST GET ME A GOOD SEAT AND I'LL PLAY INVISIBLE. NO PAD OR PAPER IN SIGHT.
THERE'S NO CHANCE YOU'RE LETTING THIS ONE GO.
NOPE.
OKAY, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT UNTIL YOU READ THESE. THEY'RE ORGANIZED BY TIME ZONE, SO DON'T MIX THEM UP...
AND YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A HEAVIER COAT.

AIRMAIL: ITTOQQORTOORMIIT, GREENLAND
Dear Superman...
I don't know if you truly read these letters, and I'm certain that you don't have time...
My sister is pregnant. In our village of 500, that's a pretty big deal.
But there are complications. However, she refuses to leave Ittoqqortoormiit for the hospitals down country.
She is not married. There is no father. Aside from me, she is alone, scraping by on hides and bones.
But she is PROUD. She is determined to bring the child life in our house, as generations of our family have done before.
Our local physician has neither the tools nor the skills to handle this pregnancy.

I am desperate.
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
Here, at the top of the world, we take care of our own, mainly because we have no other choice, but perhaps, this ONE TIME...
Please help my sister and her baby.
They're all I have in the world.
EMERGENCY

AIRMAIL: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL
I do not know whether or not you are married, Superman, but if you saw my Isabella...
She would melt your heart.
When she smiles, the sun rises. When she cries, it rains for months here in Rio.
She is bright and kind to poor dumb animals like myself who fumble words and will never give her the life she deserves.
It has been a difficult year for her. Isabella has suffered great loss. A car accident took her family.
She still limps, but you would never know.
It has been forever since I saw her smile.

I want her to feel like the angel I see when I look into her eyes.
Please help me give her that smile back.
New Year's Eve is her favorite. A time of new beginnings.
I would be most honored if you could make the night even more precious for Isabella...
And for ME. Because to be quite honest...
I have never proposed to anyone before, and I could use a little help.

METROPOLIS, USA
Nothing going on in the Eastern Time Zone, Clark?
THAT HOUR'S RESERVED, LOIS.
For what- Oh... OH!
We can work with an hour.

SMALLVILLE, KS
AMAZING HOW THAT DICK CLARK NEVER AGES A DAY. DO YOU THINK HE'S SECRETLY ONE OF CLARK'S "SUPERVILLAINS"?
I'LL GET RIGHT ON THAT, MA.
CAN I HAVE A PASS ON THIS YEAR... AND JUST EAT A MUFFIN INSTEAD? PA'S NOT EVEN HERE—
AND RISK "THE BAD LUCK"? SHAME, LOIS!
BUT YOU MADE GOOD FOOD, I CAN SEE IT. I SMELL IT.
PICKLED HERRING ON SWISS CHEESE CRACKERS MAY NOT PUT THE HORSE IN YOUR BARN, LOIS, BUT IT'S TRADITION. JONATHAN'S FATHER MADE EVERYONE EAT IT FOR LUCK.
QUICKER YOU GET TO IT-- QUICKER IT'S DONE. -SLURP-
YUCKY, BUT LUCKY.
ANYTHING FOR TRADITION. I SEE WHERE CLARK GETS IT.
WHEN DID THIS "TOUR DE TIME ZONE" START?

FIRST YEAR HE COULD FLY, I RECKON. I THINK HE WANTED TO SEE IF HE COULD DO IT.
CAN YOU IMAGINE? NINETEEN YEARS OLD AND ABLE TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S IN EVERY TIME ZONE? I USED TO WORRY SO.
SURE.
"THE CAN'T-IT" WORK... THAT CAME BEFORE HE WAS SUPERMAN, TOO, LOIS. BEFORE THERE WERE LETTERS... HE LEARNED IT FROM HIS PA.
"WHEN YOU HAVE A CHILD... AND GOD WILLING, SOMEDAY YOU WILL... YOU DEVELOP HABITS. VERY FEW OF WHICH WILL MAKE SENSE.
"EVERY NIGHT, JONATHAN WOULD WALK THE HOUSE, JUST ABOUT MIDNIGHT. EVEN IF HE FELL ASLEEP AT EIGHT, AT THE STROKE OF TWELVE HE'D SNEAK OUT OF BED, CHECK THE WINDOWS, PET SHELBY ON THE HEAD, AND WIND UP IN CLARK'S ROOM.
"WALKING MIDNIGHT,' HE CALLED IT. WHEN HE'D COME BACK TO BED AND I'D ASK IF THE WORLD WAS STILL SPINNING, HE'D CHUCKLE... 'JUST MAKING SURE CLARK'S HAVING GOOD DREAMS.'
"CLARK'S WALKING MIDNIGHT... HE'S JUST GOT A MUCH BIGGER HOUSE."

AIRMAIL. SYDNEY. AUSTRALIA
People say I'm funny. Always laughing Have a sense of humor, I admit that . But usually, I'm the only one who gets the joke
I m paying for this trip by selling COOKIES. I've included the receipts so you know I m serious
Funny
This is my "call for help " Desperate and ridiculous .
But everyone else thinks I m KIDDING No one is LISTENING
I'm sorry I bothered you with this Don t come.. I'm just KIDDING

AIRMAIL: MARIOKA, JAPAN
Deer Superman, Hello. Are you having a good day? we love you!
EVERYONE READY? KEEP PULLING!
ONE!
Some kids are sick here. And nobody has muny. They said we can stay up late and haf a party. You is invited.
It would be good if you could come. We don't got parents and we're staying up late.
TWO!
THREE!
PHOOM!
YOU DID IT!
P.S. Pleese bring fireworks.

AIRMAIL: HONG KONG, WILLIAM
I MOVED TO A BACKWARDS PLACE, BECAUSE I KNEW THEY BRED HERE.
I WILL NOT TELL YOU WHERE. YOU ARE NOT FIT TO KNOW.
YOU ARE ONLY FIT TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE BURNING SCREAMING BIRTH OF A NEW HERO.
A NEW ULYSSES. A NEW THOR.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T THINK OF THIS ALREADY. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CLEVER.
YOU COULD WIPE THEM OUT ALL AT ONCE.
I HAVE TO SETTLE WITH A FEW GALLONS OF THEIR FILTH AT A TIME.

BUT I'M PATIENT. I PLAN. I'M SIX MONTHS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. IT WILL BE ON OUR NEW YEAR'S. I'LL TELL YOU THAT MUCH.
I FEEL WHAT YOU MUST FEEL, FLYING ABOVE THE ANTS
I AM AN ARYAN GOD AMONG MONGRELS
WHEN YOU LEARN MY NAME, IT WILL BE AS A MARTYR, AND I WILL BE WRITTEN IN THE HEAVENS AS YOU ARE
YOU CANNOT STOP ME.

AIRMAIL: MARINE CORPS BARRACKS
To Superman
From P.F.C. Robert Koffman U.S.M.C.
It is with great honor that I write you this letter. You are an inspiration to me and the men in my unit. However, I also write you with a deep sadness in my heart.
I'm afraid that everyone is beginning to **forget us**.
We fought a **war** here to build a new nation and it's not **done**. The world has moved on to better stories and flashier programs, but we're **still here**. What's worse, sir...
I'm starting to forget too. I'm starting to forget why I can't see my fiancee or hold my daughter so I can be spit at and shot at instead.
I'm forgetting that the anger around me is coming from **people**. And people are not my enemy.
You can't forget that they're people. If that happens, none of this makes sense.

I don't know what I m asking for, sir Nothing really It just helps to write it down and send it into the world
No one will ever read this
I hough I wish they could
DON'T LOSE HEART. WHAT YOU ARE DOING MAY FEEL IMPOSSIBLE AT TIMES, WHETHER YOU WERE STATIONED HERE, OR BORN HERE.
BUT YOU CANNOT FORGET... THOSE WHO SEEK TO BUILD, AS YOU DO... THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE... YOU ARE THE BEST OF US.
WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN.

AIRMAIL. TOIRANO, ITALY
In my ninety-nine years, I have seen many things, good and bad, both with my beautiful Toirano and beyond.
But nothing to make me truly believe that you exist
Last year, a group of pompous doctors told me that I would not live out the week.
Last month, they said I would not last the day
I am a stubborn Italian man and I hate doctors. To spite them, I say a pledge
"I am waiting to see Superman fly by my window"

I am tired
Tired in my heart
But I cannot break my word I never have once
So if you are out there...Please come
I'm ready

HOME.
GOOD DREAMS ALL AROUND, SMALLVILLE.
THANK YOU.
HAPPY NEW YEAR'S. I LOVE YOU.

TODAY... EVERYTHING CHANGES. TODAY, RESPECT! TODAY, POWER!
TODAY... METROPOLIS IS MINE!
SO SAYS DOCTOR SPECTRO!
OH THAT I COULD SEE THE EXPRESSIONS ON YOUR COLLECTIVE SMUG URBANITE FACES WHEN THE DAY'S FIRST LIGHT FINDS MY HEAVY PHOTON DISTILLATION UNIT, AND DELIVERS BIBLICAL LEVELS OF DESTRUCTION UNTO--
SASH!
EVER HEARD OF THAT TRADITIONAL "HOWEVER YOU SPEND NEW YEAR'S IS HOW YOU'LL SPEND THE NEXT YEAR..."?

LAST NIGHT, I TURNED MY BACK ON THE ONE SHOT I HAD AT LOVE TO FINISH BUILDING THAT--
THAT PIECE OF POST-MODERN GARBAGE ART. I'LL NEVER SEE THAT WOMAN AGAIN.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, DOCTOR. I AM.
I DO NOT REGRET MY STAB AT GREATNESS, SUPERMAN. I CANNOT... BUT IT OCCURS TO ME THAT I WILL DIE WONDERING WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN, IF I HAD JUST STAYED HOME AND STARTED THE NEW YEAR IN HER ARMS.
WHAT DID YOU DO LAST NIGHT?
...
EVERYTHING.
"EVERYTHING." OF COURSE YOU DID... WOULD YOU--
COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT IT'S LIKE? TO BE YOU?
YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH...?

Deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed artistically, editorially, and otherwise to Action Comics for these last Four Years, and to you dedicated readers who have stuck by us through thick and thin. You have made this an incredible run that I am extremely proud of.

Best wishes and good dreams to you all. I'll see you 'round Metropolis.

-Joe Kelly